

1 Parallel ghost imaging with ultra low dose and high pixel
2 resolution

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12 Abstract: Ghost imaging, as a novel imaging technique, enables image acquisition under low-
13 light conditions through single-pixel measurements. It holds tremendous potential across vari-
14 ous application areas, such as biomedical imaging, remote sensing, biometrics, astronomy, and
15 three-dimensional imaging. However, reconstructing high-resolution images typically requires a
16 large number of single-pixel samples, which is time-consuming and presents practical limitations
17 for its application. Parallel ghost imaging, wherein each pixel of a position-sensitive detector is
18 used as a bucket detector to perform thousands of measurements in parallel, theoretically allows
19 for high resolution, extra-large field-of-view, and ultra-low dose non-local imaging.

20 In previous work, we independently achieved three distinct milestones in parallel ghost imag-
21 ing: first, we realized high pixel resolution, then we demonstrated low-dose imaging, and finally,
22 we successfully implemented ultra-large field-of-view imaging, with each of these advances be-
23 ing accomplished separately and independently. Moreover, we also introduced a global ghost
24 imaging framework specifically designed for bucket detector arrays. In this study, we present
25 two key innovations: First, we implemented low-dose parallel ghost imaging within the com-
26 putational ghost imaging framework, replacing the crystal beam-splitting method, which signif-
27 icantly improved image quality compared to prior approaches. Second, for the first time, we
28 simultaneously achieved the three exceptional features of high resolution, low dose, and large
29 field-of-view in parallel ghost imaging. In just a few minutes, we were able to generate a ghost
30 image with a resolution of 2016×2016 pixels, an effective pixel size of 0.65 micrometers, and
31 an equivalent total exposure time as low as 0.12 ms. In contrast, traditional projection-based
32 imaging requires an exposure time of 500 ms, and the physical limit of high-resolution detectors
33 is 1.004 ms. The total dose in parallel ghost imaging is significantly lower than what is achiev-
34 able with the shortest exposure time of the detector, effectively reconstructing object information
35 from the "ghost."

36 We propose this parallel ghost imaging framework, which is expected to pave the way for the
37 practical implementation and commercialization of ghost imaging technology.

38 1. Introduction

39 The traditional imaging model primarily consists of three components: the light source, the ob-
40 ject, and the optical system. In contrast, ghost imaging (GI), a novel imaging technique, employs
41 a non-localized approach to separate detection from imaging. Ghost imaging involves splitting
42 the light into two beams: one beam carries the object information but lacks resolution, while
43 the other beam carries resolution but lacks object information. Neither beam alone is capable
44 of imaging, but by correlating the two beams computationally, the object information can be
45 reconstructed. Hence, ghost imaging is also referred to as correlation imaging.

46 Ghost imaging originates from the Hanbury-Brown and Twiss (HBT) experiment [1, 2]. In

47 1988, Klyshko [3] theoretically proposed a ghost imaging scheme using entangled photon pairs.
48 In 1994, Ribeiro et al. [4] discovered the phenomenon of ghost interference using entangled
49 photon pairs. In 1995, Pittman et al. [5] experimentally demonstrated ghost imaging using en-
50 tangled photon pairs. In 2002, Bennink et al. [6] realized ghost imaging with classical light
51 sources, proving that entangled light sources are not a necessary condition for ghost imaging.
52 Furthermore, ghost imaging has been shown to be feasible in various fields, including atomic [7],
53 electronic [8], neutron [9, 10], and X-ray [11–15] imaging. In 2008, Shapiro [16] theoretically
54 proposed a computational ghost imaging scheme, making single-channel ghost imaging possible.
55 In 2009, Bromberg et al. [17] experimentally realized computational ghost imaging. In the same
56 year, Katz et al. [18] integrated compressive sensing techniques from image processing with
57 computational ghost imaging, significantly reducing the number of samples required for ghost
58 imaging. This development made dose reduction in X-ray ghost imaging feasible. Moreover,
59 ghost imaging has enormous potential across various application areas, including biomedical
60 imaging [19], remote sensing [20], biometrics [21, 22], astronomy [23], and three-dimensional
61 imaging [24, 25].

62 However, to reconstruct high-resolution images, Ghost imaging typically requires a large num-
63 ber of single-pixel samples, which poses challenges for its practical application. The concept of
64 parallel ghost imaging (PGI) was introduced by Kingston et al. [9] to address this issue. This
65 method treats each pixel of a position-sensitive detector as an independent bucket detector, en-
66 abling the simultaneous execution of tens of thousands of ghost imaging measurements at once.
67 Kingston et al. and Zhang et al. successfully demonstrated PGI in neutron [9] and X-ray [26, 27],
68 respectively. Later, O. Sefi et al. extended similar work to high-energy X-rays [28]. However,
69 implementing PGI through artificially fitting bucket detector arrays only validates the feasibility
70 of the concept, and the intrinsic characteristics of PGI—such as large field-of-view, enhanced
71 resolution, and dose reduction—are not inherently realized in these approaches.

72 To address this issue, we established true magnification between the reference arm and the
73 object arm via a lens, achieving sub-micron level ($0.325 \mu\text{m}/\text{pixel}$) high-pixel resolution par-
74 allel ghost imaging, and reducing the experimental time from tens of minutes to just a few
75 minutes. Zhao et al. realized low-dose ghost imaging by employing two detectors in crystal
76 beam-splitter ghost imaging. We achieved extra-large field-of-view ghost imaging by construct-
77 ing an extremely large speckle space, enabling $14,000 \times 10,000$ pixel imaging. Additionally,
78 we proposed global ghost imaging(GGI) specifically designed for bucket detector arrays, which
79 allows high-quality reconstruction with an ultra-low sampling rate of just 8 measurements. GGI
80 also effectively eliminates the discontinuities between subsystems in ghost imaging. All the
81 above-mentioned work can only individually realize one of the exceptional features of parallel
82 ghost imaging.

83 In this work, our innovations are twofold: First, we replaced the crystal beam-splitter frame-
84 work with a computational ghost imaging framework, which significantly improved the image
85 quality of low-dose parallel ghost imaging compared to previous methods. Second, we combined
86 high resolution with low dose by progressively increasing the magnification of the reference arm,
87 from $2\times$ to $4\times$, and finally up to $10\times$. For the first time, we simultaneously realized the three ex-
88 ceptional features of parallel ghost imaging: high resolution, low dose, and large field-of-view.
89 In just a few minutes, we were able to achieve a 2016×2016 image with an effective pixel size
90 of $0.65 \mu\text{m}$ and an equivalent total exposure time as low as 0.12 ms. In contrast, conventional
91 projection imaging requires 500 ms, and the shortest exposure time for high-resolution detectors
92 is 1.004 ms. The total imaging dose in parallel ghost imaging is much lower than the shortest
93 exposure time achievable by the detector, effectively reconstructing the object information liter-
94 ally from the "ghost." We propose this parallel ghost imaging framework, which is expected to
95 pave the way for the practical application and commercialization of ghost imaging.

96 2. Parallel ghost imaging with ultra low dose

97 **Model** For the ghost imaging model from a classical perspective, the bucket detector signals
98 acquired from N measurements in object arm can be written in the form of a matrix in Eq.1.

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ \vdots \\ B_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_1(1,1) & I_1(1,2) & \cdots & I_1(p,1) & \cdots & I_1(p,q) \\ I_2(1,1) & I_2(1,2) & \cdots & I_2(p,1) & \cdots & I_2(p,q) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ I_N(1,1) & I_N(1,2) & \cdots & I_N(p,1) & \cdots & I_N(p,q) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T(1,1) \\ T(1,2) \\ \vdots \\ T(p,q) \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

99 The object's transmittance function $T(x, y)$, which contains internal structural information of
100 the sample, is the unknown target we aim to reconstruct in ghost imaging. Both the image size
101 of the mask and the reconstructed ghost image of samples are $p \times q$. The transmittance function
102 of the k -th mask is denoted as $I_k(x, y)$, where $x = 1, \dots, p$ and $y = 1, \dots, q$, respectively.
103 N represents the number of measurements, B_i denotes the bucket detector signal during the i -
104 th measurement, and the sampling rate is defined as the number of measurements divided by
105 the number of image pixels, i.e. $\frac{N}{p \times q}$. A higher sampling rate leads to higher quality of ghost
106 imaging. For the detector in the object arm, the incident X-ray photons need to pass through the
107 mask and subsequently through the object, which means that the absorption of both the mask and
108 object should be taken into account. Ghost imaging, at its essence, is solving underdetermined
109 linear equation set. PGI simply utilizes this process repeatedly for all the single pixels of the
110 bucket detector array in the object arm, as shown in Fig.1.(b).

111 **Algorithm** PGI is based on the Total Variation Augmented Lagrangian Alternating Direction
112 Algorithm [29] using compressive sensing. TVAL3 uses Total Variation Regularization (TV) as
113 an iterative model:

$$\min_u \sum_i \|D_i u\|, \quad s.t. Au = b, \quad (2)$$

114 A is the speckle patterns, u is the image of the object to be solved, b is the measurements of
115 the bucket detector, $D_i u$ is the gradient of u at pixel i , $\|\cdot\|$ is the $l1$ norm. The Augmented
116 Lagrangian method transforms a constrained model into an unconstrained objective function,
117 and then uses the Alternating Direction method to solve the objective function at high speed.

118 **Experiment** We constructed an experimental platform at the Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation
119 Facility BL13HB [30], as depicted in Fig.2.(a). The synchrotron bending magnet emits a beam,
120 which is monochromatized by a double-crystal monochromator. Filters and slits positioned be-
121 fore and after the monochromator filter out stray light and define the beam profile. Prior to
122 reaching the sample, the incident X-ray beam is modulated by a seven-layer 200-mesh sandpa-
123 per, providing a randomly modulated light field for the reference beam of ghost imaging.

124 For PGI to achieve dose reduction, the key lies in the use of two detectors. The detector with
125 high resolution but a long exposure time is referred to as the high-resolution detector, which
126 is placed on the reference arm. Through long-term acquisition, the fine distribution of the
127 speckle pattern can be obtained. The detector with low resolution but a short exposure time
128 is named the high-sensitivity detector, which is placed on the object arm. It can complete the
129 low-resolution acquisition of object information with a dose far lower than that required by con-
130 ventional projection imaging. Subsequently, the low-resolution and low-dose object signals ob-
131 tained by the bucket detector array are correlated and calculated with the high-resolution and
132 high-dose speckle information. After introducing compressed sensing, an object image with a

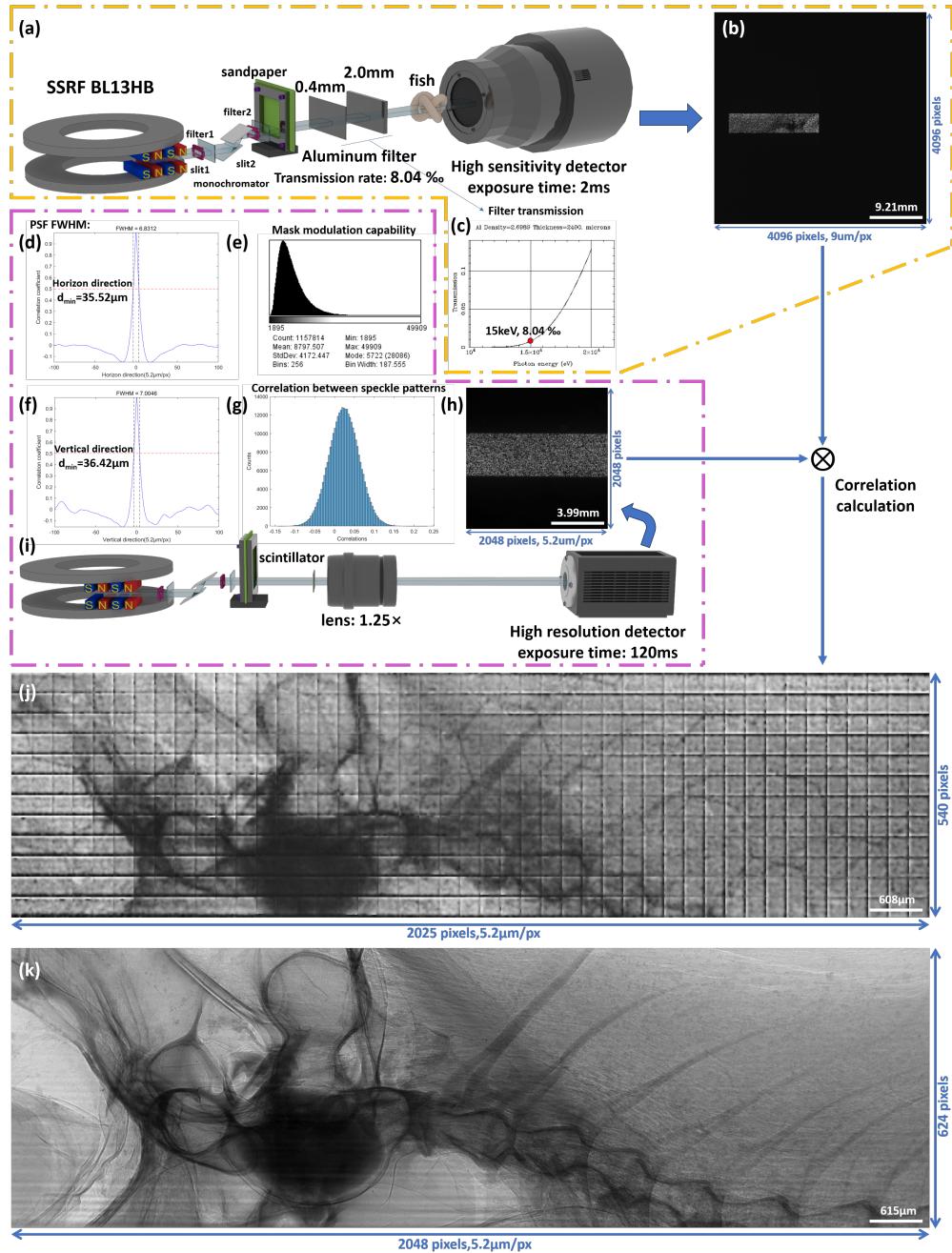


Fig. 1. Parallel ghost imaging with ultra low dose: (a) Schematic diagram of the object arm. (b) Images acquired by the object arm. (c) Attenuation of a 2.4 mm aluminum sheet at 15 keV under different energies. (d, f) Full width at half maximum of the point spread function of the speckle pattern under 1.25 \times magnification. (e) Modulation capability of the mask under 1.25 \times magnification. (g) Degree of correlation among speckle patterns under 1.25 \times magnification. (i) Schematic diagram of the reference arm. (h) Speckle patterns collected by the reference arm. (j) Reconstruction results of parallel ghost imaging, with the number of measurements being 800 and the sampling rate being 39.5%. (k) Standard projection imaging using a high-resolution detector.

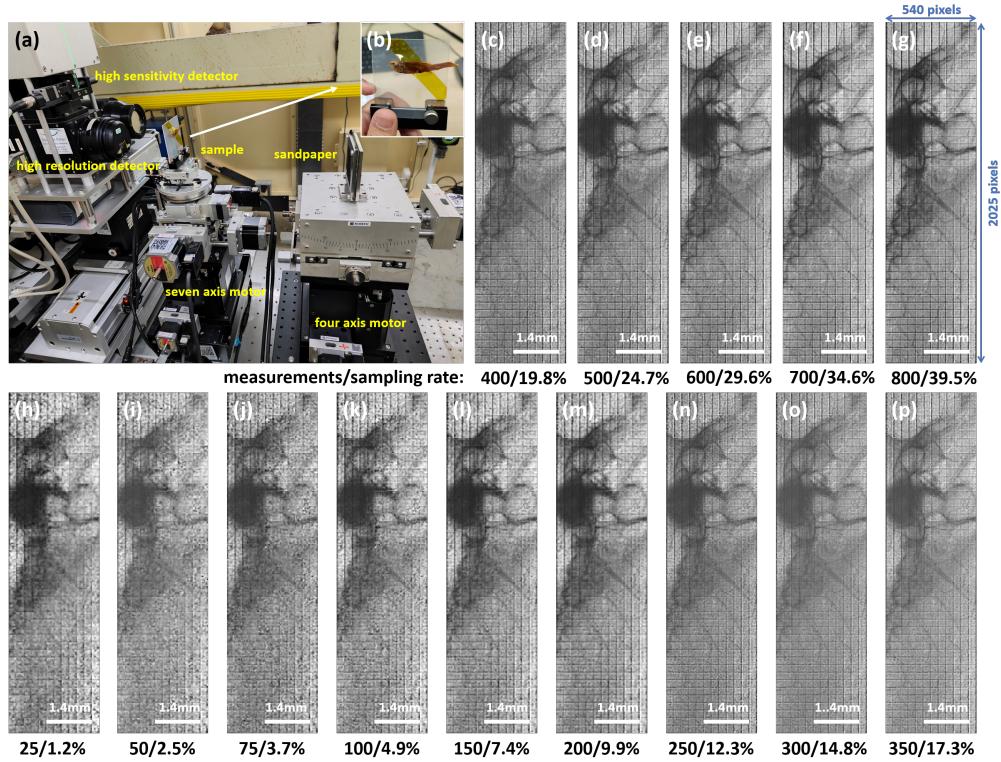


Fig. 2. (a) Diagram of the experimental setup for parallel ghost imaging with ultra low dose. (b) Sample — a fish. A series of reconstruction result images, with the number of measurements/sampling rates being (h) 25/1.2%, (i) 50/2.5%, (j) 75/3.7%, (k) 100/4.9%, (l) 150/7.4%, (m) 200/9.9%, (n) 250/12.3%, (o) 300/14.8%, (p) 350/17.3%, (c) 400/19.8%, (d) 500/24.7%, (e) 600/29.6%, (f) 700/34.6%, and (g) 800/39.5%.

133 quality close to that of traditional projection imaging but with a dose much lower than that of
 134 traditional imaging can be reconstructed.

135 The product name of the high-sensitivity detector is "X-ray 16.4 MP air cooled sCMOS cam-
 136 era with 52mm input", with a resolution of 4096×4096 and a pixel size of $9 \mu\text{m}$. Aluminum
 137 sheets with a thickness of 2.0 mm and 0.4 mm are placed in front of the high-sensitivity detector
 138 to significantly reduce the ionizing radiation dose. When the experimental energy is 15 keV, the
 139 2.4 mm thick aluminum sheet can attenuate the X-ray to 8.04% (Fig.1.(c)), that is, the radiation
 140 dose is reduced by 124 times. The exposure time of the high-sensitivity detector in the exper-
 141 iment is 2 ms, and the object signal collected is shown in Fig.1.(b). The experimental optical
 142 path of the object arm is shown in Fig.1.(a).

143 The high-resolution imaging system consists of a 100 μm thick scintillation crystal (LuAG:Ce),
 144 an optical conversion microscope (model: Optique Peter MICRX016), and an sCMOS detector
 145 (Hamamatsu ORCA-Flash 4.0 C11440). The effective area of the detector is $6.6 \times 6.6 \text{ mm}^2$, the
 146 pixel size is $6.5 \mu\text{m}$, and the number of pixels is 2048×2048 . We use a $1.25\times$ magnifying lens,
 147 with an effective pixel size of $5.2 \mu\text{m}$. The exposure time of the high-resolution detector in the
 148 experiment is 120 ms. The experimental optical path of the reference arm is shown in Fig.1.(i),
 149 and the high-definition speckle pattern it records is shown in Fig.1.(h).

150 **Speckle** The speckle pattern has a decisive impact on the reconstruction quality of ghost imaging, because the resolution of the reconstruction result cannot be smaller than the minimum effective feature of the speckle pattern. Generally, with smaller pixels in the reference arm, the detector can capture mask information with a higher density, which means better image quality. 151 With larger pixels in the object arm, the detector can capture the encoded object information 152 more quickly, which implies a lower radiation dose. The effective aperture of 200-mesh sand- 153 paper is approximately $75 \mu\text{m}$, which cannot describe the minimum feature of the mask. The 154 irregular edges of the particles, the sharp density gradient changes inside the particles, and the 155 superposition of seven layers of sandpaper all make the minimum effective feature much smaller 156 than the particle width. The modulation ability of the mask on X-rays is shown in Fig.1.(e). The 157 point spread function (PSF), as the auto-covariance of the mask pattern, is the soft upper limit 158 of the resolution of the final imaging result of ghost imaging. However, under a high sampling 159 rate, the PSF may be exceeded. The full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the PSF in the 160 horizontal and vertical directions can be seen in Fig.1.(d) and (f). If a speckle can be repre- 161 sented by the linear superposition of other speckle patterns, it is considered invalid sampling. 162 The statistical histogram of the correlation degree of any two speckle combinations (C_{400}^2) is 163 shown in Fig.1.(g), which means that the random speckles can be approximately regarded as 164 being orthogonal to each other. 165

166 **Registration** Registration has always been a challenge in parallel ghost imaging. When using 167 two detectors, we need refined registration to make the image positions of the reference arm and 168 the object arm correspond one by one. Firstly, we perform a soft summation on the object arm 169 signals with a unit of 26×26 so that they can be perfectly aligned with the $5.2 \mu\text{m}$ image size 170 of the high-resolution detector without generating errors, thus forming a 45-fold magnification 171 relationship between the object arm and the reference arm($9 \times 26 \div 5.2 = 45$). Then, we leave 172 pixel redundancy around the image. Subsequently, by taking the quality of the reconstructed 173 image as a criterion, we move and register to make the error less than one pixel of the reference 174 arm. 175

176 **Results** Ultimately, we achieved ghost imaging with an image size of 2025×540 and a pixel 177 size of $5.2 \mu\text{m}$ within a total acquisition time of several minutes. The reconstruction result is 178 shown in Fig.1.(j). The number of acquisitions was 800, with a sampling rate of 39.5%, and the 179 sample was a fish (Fig.2.(b)). The time required for direct projection imaging of the object using 180 the high-resolution detector on the reference arm was 120 ms, as shown in Fig.1.(k). Through 181 actual measurements by the ionization chamber, it was found that in the experiment, the actual 182 dose of each measurement on the object arm was attenuated by 415 times compared to that of 183 traditional projection imaging under the same exposure. The detailed discussion and analysis 184 regarding the equivalent dose conversion will be presented in Section 3. 185

186 Based on this, the equivalent exposure times of the reconstruction results for 800 (Fig.2.(g)), 187 700 (Fig.2.(f)), 600 (Fig.2.(e)), 500 (Fig.2.(d)), 400 (Fig.2.(c)), 350 (Fig.2.(p)), 300 (Fig.2.(o)), 188 250 (Fig.2.(n)), 200 (Fig.2.(m)), 150 (Fig.2.(l)), 100 (Fig.2.(k)), 75 (Fig.2.(j)), 50 (Fig.2.(i)), and 189 25 (Fig.2.(h)) acquisitions were 3.85 ms, 3.37 ms, 2.89 ms, 2.40 ms, 1.92 ms, 1.68 ms, 1.44 ms, 190 1.20 ms, 0.96 ms, 0.72 ms, 0.48 ms, 0.36 ms, 0.24 ms, and 0.12 ms respectively. 191

192 It has been demonstrated that ghost imaging can achieve X-ray imaging with an extremely low 193 dose. Regardless of the sampling rate, the dose required for ghost imaging is far less than that 194 for standard imaging (120 ms). The problems that ghost imaging had difficulties in achieving 195 high-quality imaging and that experiments took an extremely long time when there were a large 196 number of measurements have been solved by parallel ghost imaging. Compared with the low- 197 dose parallel ghost imaging achieved through the crystal beam-splitting framework, the low- dose parallel ghost imaging accomplished in this work has significantly improved the image

198 quality. Moreover, we will go one step further and attempt to simultaneously realize another
199 major characteristic of ghost imaging besides low dose—super-resolution.

200 3. Parallel ghost imaging with ultra low dose and high pixel resolution

201 **Results** In the experiment combining dose reduction and high resolution, the part responsible
202 for low-dose detection does not need to be changed. Therefore, the experimental optical path
203 of the object arm is shown in Fig.3.(a). For the part responsible for high-resolution recording
204 of the speckle pattern, optical lenses are used for magnification to improve the resolution. The
205 magnification multiples gradually increase from $2 \times$ to $4 \times$ and then to $10 \times$. The optical lens
206 group is shown in Fig.5.(b). The optical paths of the reference arm corresponding to different
207 magnification multiples are shown in Fig.3.(b, n, z), and the ghost imaging reconstruction results
208 are listed in Fig.3.(d - m, p - y, B - K). A larger fish, the sardina pilchardus, is used as the sample.
209 The traditional projection imaging results after different magnification multiples are listed as
210 standards in Fig.3.(c, o, A). The signals of the bucket detector array collected from the object
211 arm are scaled down so that the magnification multiple of the object arm to the reference arm
212 with three resolutions is 36, and the reduction ratios are 13, 6.5, and 2.6 respectively.

213 From the experimental results, we can see that as the resolution gradually reaches the sub-
214 micron level, the signal-to-noise ratio of the experimental results gradually decreases. This is
215 because the influences of the minimum feature size of the mask, the movement accuracy of the
216 motor, lens aberration distortion, etc. are magnified along with the increase in resolution. We
217 will continue to work on this in our subsequent work and strive to achieve high resolution rather
218 than high pixel resolution.

219 **Speckles** As the resolution gradually increases, a series of phenomena are worthy of discussion.
220 The magnification multiples gradually change from $1.25 \times$, $2 \times$, $4 \times$ to $10 \times$, and the minimum
221 feature resolution of the speckle gradually decreases from $35 \mu\text{m}$, $28 \mu\text{m}$, $17 \mu\text{m}$ to $11 \mu\text{m}$. This
222 is a powerful proof that lens magnification can achieve super-resolution, as shown in Fig.4.(b
223 - c, g - h, l - m). In addition, another phenomenon has been discovered. As the resolution im-
224 proves, the uncorrelation between different speckle patterns gradually weakens, which will have
225 an impact on the reconstruction results, as can be seen in Fig.4.(d, i, n).

226 The modulation ability of the mask is insignificant in simulation experiments and ghost imag-
227 ing can be achieved by slightly changing the light field. However, in actual experiments, due to
228 the influence of noise, we need the modulation ability to be much greater than the uncertainty
229 brought by the noise, as shown in Fig.4.(e, j, o). In the future, if we want to achieve nanometer-
230 level resolution and centimeter-level field of view, we need to design, customize, screen, and
231 analyze masks specifically suitable for parallel ghost imaging.

232 **Dose** The most important discussion regarding X-ray ghost imaging undoubtedly lies in the
233 dose. The optical path diagram of the standard imaging model is shown in Fig.5.(g). In the
234 optical path of the object arm in ghost imaging (Fig.3.(a)), the dose that the object receives
235 less than that in standard imaging during each measurement comes from the attenuation of the
236 sandpaper and the 2.4 mm aluminum sheet. The theoretical attenuation curve of the 2.4 mm thick
237 aluminum sheet for X-rays with different energies is shown in Fig.1.(c). In the experiment, the
238 energy is 15 keV, and the dose is attenuated to 8.04% of the original value theoretically. However,
239 this is not rigorous enough. We arranged an ionization chamber (Fig.5.(d)). The current value
240 read out by it has a linear relationship with the radiation dose and can record the changes in
241 X-rays in real time. The aluminum sheet is built inside the vacuum chamber of the optical shed,
242 so it is not present in the experimental shed (Fig.5.(c)). During traditional projection imaging,
243 the current of the ionization chamber is shown in Fig.5.(f), which is $3.23\text{e-}5 \text{ A}$. After adding the
244 2.4 mm aluminum sheet, the current is shown in Fig.5.(h), which is $2.87\text{e-}7 \text{ A}$, and the X-ray is

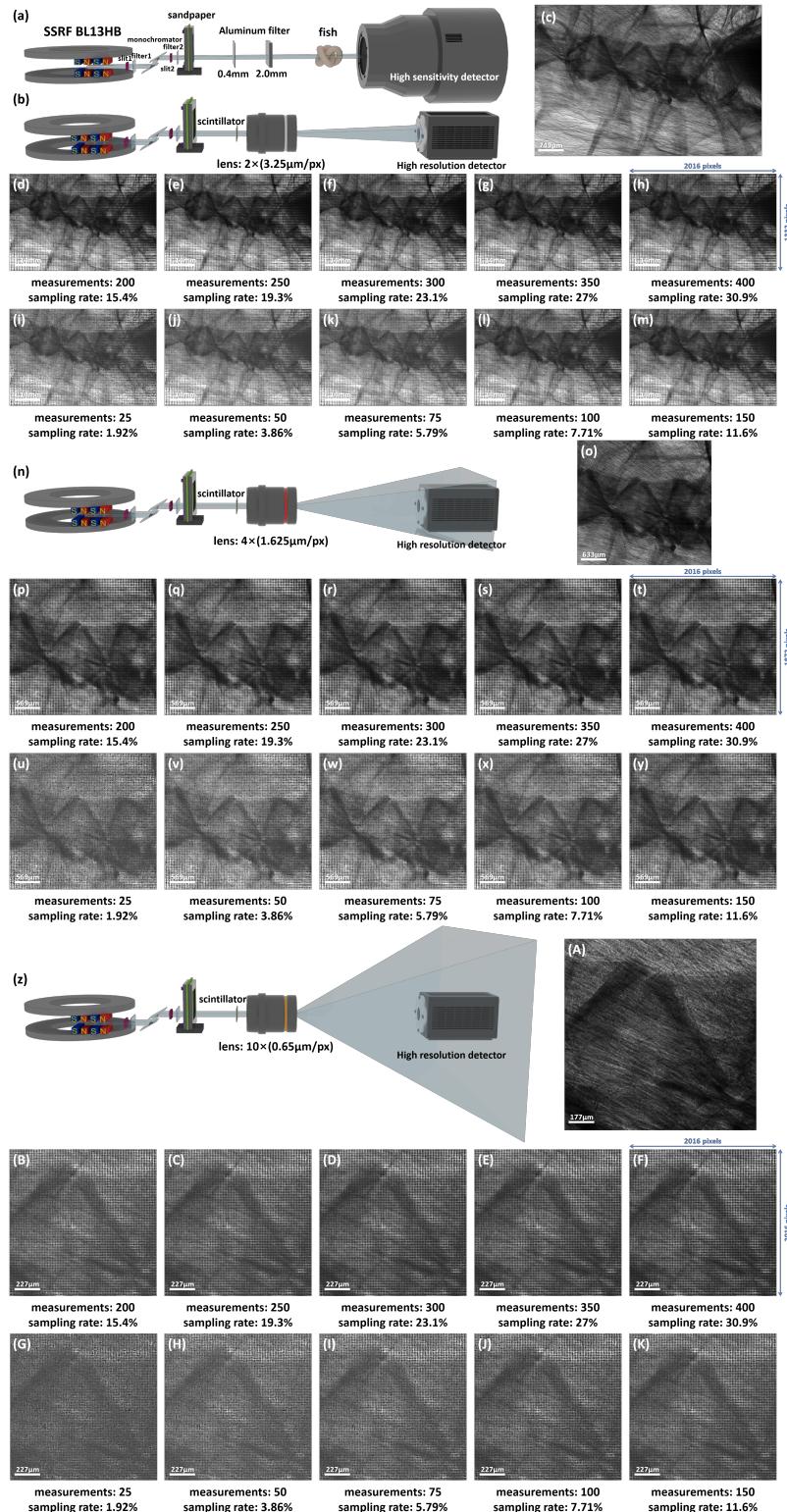


Fig. 3. Parallel ghost imaging with ultra low dose and high pixel resolution: (a) Schematic diagram of the object arm. (b) Reference arm under $2\times$ magnification. (c) Standard projection imaging under $2\times$ magnification. (d - m) Reconstruction result images of ghost imaging under $2\times$ magnification. (n) Reference arm under $4\times$ magnification. (o) Standard projection imaging under $4\times$ magnification. (p - y) Reconstruction result images of ghost imaging under $4\times$ magnification. (z) Reference arm under $10\times$ magnification. (A) Standard projection imaging under $10\times$ magnification. (B - K) Reconstruction result images of ghost imaging under $10\times$ magnification.

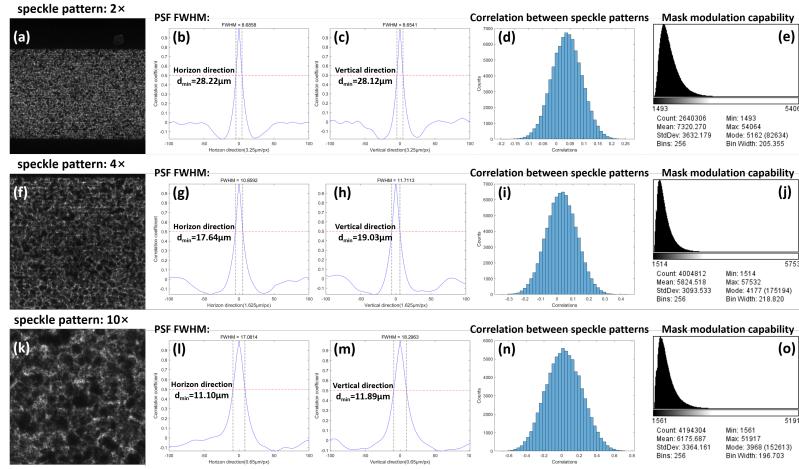


Fig. 4. Analysis of the random speckle modulation under different magnification factors. The speckle patterns at 2 \times magnification in (a), 4 \times magnification in (f), and 10 \times magnification in (k). The point spread function (PSF) of the speckle in the horizontal and vertical directions at 2 \times magnification in (b - c), 4 \times magnification in (g - h), and 10 \times magnification in (l - m). The degree of correlation between speckle patterns at 2 \times magnification in (d), 4 \times magnification in (i), and 10 \times magnification in (n). The modulation ability of the mask at 2 \times magnification in (e), 4 \times magnification in (j), and 10 \times magnification in (o).

245 attenuated to 8.88%, or in other words, the dose of each measurement is reduced by 112 times.
 246 The experimental attenuation ratio of the aluminum sheet is different from the theoretical value,
 247 so real-time observation by the ionization chamber is necessary. The sandpaper modulates the X-
 248 rays, and its attenuation of the X-rays cannot be ignored. Placing the mask between the ionization
 249 chamber and the light exit port (Fig. 5.(i)) can achieve the measurement of the attenuation ability
 250 of the mask, as shown in Fig. 5.(j). The current of the ionization chamber for the total attenuation
 251 of the X-rays by the 2.4 mm aluminum sheet and the sandpaper is 7.79e-8 A, and the dose will
 252 be 2.4% of the original value, that is, the dose is reduced by 415 times, as shown in Fig. 5.(k).

Magnification	Dose (exposure time)	Parallel ghost imaging (measurements sampling rate)									
		25(1.92%)	50(3.86%)	75(5.79%)	100(7.71%)	150(11.6%)	200(15.4%)	250(19.3%)	300(23.1%)	350(27%)	400(30.9%)
2 \times	250ms	0.12ms	0.24ms	0.36ms	0.48ms	0.72ms	0.96ms	1.2ms	1.44ms	1.68ms	1.92ms
4 \times	3s	0.12ms	0.24ms	0.36ms	0.48ms	0.72ms	0.96ms	1.2ms	1.44ms	1.68ms	1.92ms
10 \times	500ms	0.12ms	0.24ms	0.36ms	0.48ms	0.72ms	0.96ms	1.2ms	1.44ms	1.68ms	1.92ms

Table 1. Dose comparison between traditional projection imaging and parallel ghost imaging at different numbers of measurements and different magnification factors.

253 This means that the total exposure time of the object arm measurement can be equivalently
 254 converted to the exposure time of conventional projection imaging by shortening it by 415 times.
 255 The equivalent exposure times of parallel ghost imaging at different numbers of measurements
 256 are listed on the right side of Table.1, and the exposure times required for traditional projection
 257 imaging are listed on the left side of Table.1. By comparison, we can see that a huge dose
 258 reduction has been achieved, and the problems that have long existed in the field of ghost imaging,
 259 such as low resolution, poor image quality, a large number of measurements, and long experiment
 260 duration, have also been solved by the parallel ghost imaging architecture.

261 Furthermore, the physically shortest exposure time that can be achieved by the high-resolution

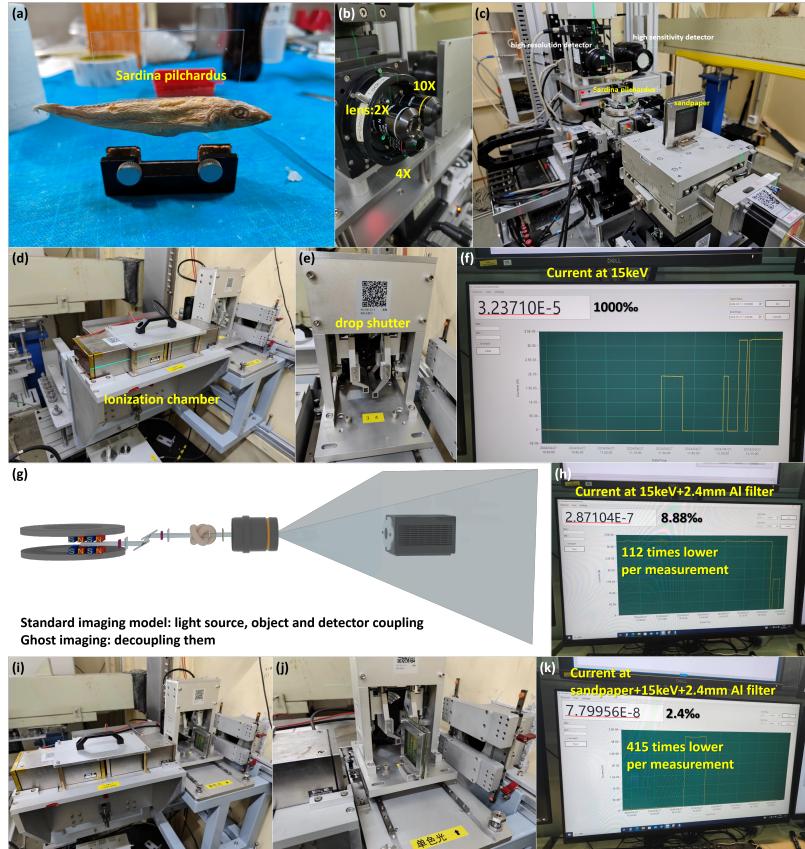


Fig. 5. Discussion on the dose of parallel ghost imaging. (a) Sample — sardine pilchardus. (b) Optical lens groups — 2x, 4x, 10x. (c) Experimental setup for parallel ghost imaging with high resolution, low dose and large field of view. (d) Ionization chamber, used for dose measurement. (e) Shutter, if used, can shield the exposure during the movement of the motor. (f) Dose of standard imaging. (g) Standard imaging model. (h) True attenuation of the dose by a 2.4 mm aluminum sheet. (i, j) Dose measurements for the mask. (k) True dose per measurement of ghost imaging with a 2.4 mm aluminum sheet plus the mask.

262 detector is 1.004 ms, and the minimum dose achieved by parallel ghost imaging is much lower
263 than this. This means that the object information has been reconstructed from the "ghost", which
264 is impossible to achieve with traditional standard imaging. The total duration of the experiment
265 is several minutes, and most of the time is consumed in the movement of the mask. If we want to
266 eliminate the dose during this part, we can use a shutter to block the light beam when the mask
267 is moving. The shutter is shown in Fig. 5.(e).

268 4. Conclusion

269 All in all, after achieving high-resolution and low-dose parallel ghost imaging respectively, we
270 first significantly improved the image quality of low-dose parallel ghost imaging and then com-
271 bined the two. Eventually, for the first time in the world, we were able to achieve ghost imaging
272 with high pixel resolution, a large field of view, and a low dose within an extremely short period
273 of time. We proposed the parallel ghost imaging framework and believe that it will point the
274 way for the practical application and commercialization of ghost imaging.

275 However, there are still numerous problems in parallel ghost imaging that urgently need to be
276 solved. Although parallel ghost imaging has achieved great breakthroughs, it is still far from the
277 goals that can be theoretically achieved by parallel ghost imaging. There is still huge room for
278 improvement regarding resolution, and we will work hard towards this. Currently, parallel ghost
279 imaging relies on the shanghai synchrotron radiation facility. In order to popularize it, we need
280 to make parallel ghost imaging feasible even with many inexpensive and portable X-ray sources
281 that have poor motor movement accuracy, continuous X-ray energy, and incomplete supporting
282 equipment. Next, we will make efforts in this regard and attempt to prove that parallel ghost
283 imaging is both feasible and has excellent effects on any equipment.

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